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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief, DPD  
SUBJECT: Reply to Mr. Green's Letter to  
Mr. Cunningham

1. Let's set the record straight regarding the hours of operation of the commo center at [redacted]

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a. On 26 October [redacted] visited [redacted] and in discussions with Mr. Green and [redacted] an agreement was reached that operational information would no longer be passed over the telephone. Therefore, they asked for a few days time to review their personnel requirements to have their commo facility operating 24 hours a day during a mission because they desired to be kept up to date on mission progress in order to keep their production planning current. (Reference Memorandum for the Record, subject: Staff Visit to Eastman Kodak Facility at Rochester, N. Y.; COR 1416, copy attached.)

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b. In [redacted] message [redacted] (IN 22649) 16 November 1961 their desire to receive operational messages was restated and a request to train three additional men was submitted. [redacted] coordinated with the Headquarters Communications Section and they agreed to train these men during the mission scheduled to launch 12 December 1961.

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c. During a visit to Headquarters early in December [redacted] discussed the training program with [redacted]

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and on his recommendation the training program was delayed until January. The position as stated was that [ ] had enough trained personnel to support the 12 December launch.

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d. The dates as listed in Mr. Green's letter as to when the commo facility was operational on a 24 hour basis are correct. However, he missed the point of the remarks made during the critique. That facility was not on a 24 hour basis during the operational portion of the mission. As proof two examples are listed below:

(1) [ ] (IN 24353) (The launch message): An attempt to transmit this message to [ ] was made at 2159Z (1659 EST) 12 December. Message was transmitted 1328Z (0828 EST) 13 December.

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(2) [ ] (IN 24705) (Very important message. Actual need is with [ ] and NPIC, it contains camera operational data, and was a three page message): Attempt to transmit message 2149Z (1649 EST) 16 December. Message was transmitted 1334Z (0834 EST) 18 December.

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e. It never was our desire that the commo facility at [ ] be operational 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Our position has been, and remains, that for 24 hours prior to launch and for the duration of the mission this facility be operational. This he agreed to do.

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f. In conversation with [ ] Mr. Green stated that if women were trained as operators there is a requirement to have two on duty at one time. However, if men were trained one operator, that could be checked periodically by a guard, would satisfy the company rule.

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2. How Mr. Green operates his commo facility is his problem. It should be operated to best meet his needs and yet satisfy operational security. Before an additional [ ] per year is spent I recommend the entire problem be re-examined.

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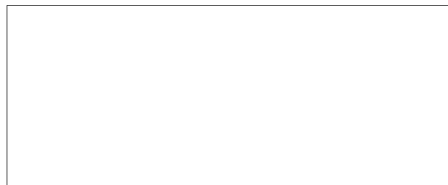
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